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 John J. Taylor, 66, of Amarillo died Friday, Sept. 19, 2008.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Amarillo South Church with Dale Hoover officiating. Arrangements are by Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive.

Mr. Taylor was born Dec. 30, 1941, in Garnett, Kan., to Mark and Verle Taylor, and was the youngest of four children. The family lived in Garden City, Kan., for a while, then moved to Amarillo when he was two years old.

He grew up in Amarillo and was a member of the first graduating class at Tascosa High School in 1959. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy from 1962 to 1965.

John married Jane Gray in 1962 in Amarillo and worked most of his life as a design florist. His first job in the floral industry was with Bill Zelsman, delivering flowers as a teenager.

He worked for Freeman's Flowers for many years and was also a designer for the Red Poppy. He was well known for his gift of creativity in floral design.

John had also worked at the Texas Work Force Commission for several years. He had returned to work at Freeman's Flowers for the past two years, at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Ermalee Dillon and Beverly Henning.

Survivors include a son, Jeffrey John Taylor and wife Vanessa of Tulsa, Okla.; a daughter, Jeannie Jane Amon and husband Heath of Amarillo; John and Jeannie's mother, Jane Taylor, of Amarillo; three grandchildren, Dalton Drew Taylor of Tulsa and Taylor Phillip Amon and Zachary Thomas Amon, both of Amarillo; and a brother, Donald Taylor and wife Sonja of Montgomery, Ala.